

REMARKS

The Adde et al U.S. Patent 6338578 B1 has been carefully reviewed and it is respectfully submitted that it bears only a superficial similarity to the present invention if in fact there is any similarity at all. Adde discloses a mammoth stub shaft in an aircraft jet engine, obviously a machined part and wholly incapable of being produced as a deep drawn metal stamping. If relevant by any stretch, the Adde part 113 might be remotely relevant to the machined predecessor of the drawn bearing sleeve of the invention.

Referring particularly to claim 1 amended, the part 113 certainly cannot meet the limitation "deep drawn metal stamping in the configuration of a small thin-walled bearing mounting sleeve". Clearly, there is no "radially extending flange at one end". Neither is there a "radially inwardly extending portion at an end opposite the radial flange" unless the Examiner refers to the element 45. In this event, the Examiner is left with nothing to point to as meeting the "shoulder" limitation which follows in the claim. In short, the part 113 referred to by the Examiner falls far short of anticipation both in broad concept and in the detailed elements recited in claim 1.

The "second shoulder" of claim 2 and its specific location is nowhere to be found in the part 113.


The axial preloading "fingers" of claim 3 and the small axial biasing member of claim 4 are nowhere taught or suggested in Adde.

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The radial preloading tabs of claim 6 are nowhere taught or suggested. Similarly with regard to the mounting projection 26 of claim 7.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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